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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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**Period for Reply**

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- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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#### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 06 August 2007.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**.                            2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-24 is/are pending in the application.
  - 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:
    1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
    3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)          | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)           |
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**Art Rejections:**

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

3. Claims 1-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bahl et al, U.S. pat. No. 6,834,341.

Per claim 1, Bahl discloses an access node comprising:

- a) an ISP network interface (105) coupled the access node (112, fig. 1) to the Internet (see col 5, lines 17-40);
- b) a wireless network interface comprising at least one access point that permits one or more guests to obtain Internet access

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via wireless transmissions with the access node (col 9, lines 44-48);

c) authentication and authorization software component (110, fig. 1) that identifies if a guest is approved to use the access point, and further identifies a guest's privilege level, and wherein a host (104, fig. 1) configures the authentication and authorization logic to identify usage permitted for each privilege level (see col 5, lines 41-67 and col 10, lines 12-36).

Bahl teaches that one or more authorization software components would have been provided separately or included within the access module/point (see col 11, lines 55-67).

Bahl does not explicitly teach implementing the access node including at least one access point and authorization component within a single device.

It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to implement such access node within a single device because it would have provided ease of deployment of the access node.

Per claims 2-6, Bahl teaches connecting the user to the access point and selecting a service level (see col 12, lines 24-49 and col 16, lines 1-10).

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Per claims 7-10, Bahl teaches monitoring guests' usages (e.g., time, data amount) and other quality of service parameters (see col 17, lines 1-46 and col 19, lines 1-15).

Claims 11-24 are similar in scope as that of claims 1-10. It is noted that the use other conventional servers in place of PANS server would have been obvious by one skilled in the art.

4. Claims 1-24 are further rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Keeler et al, U.S. pat. Appl. Pub. No. 2003/0233580.

Per claim 1, Keeler discloses an access point device comprising:

- a) an ISP network interface coupled the access point to the Internet (see paragraphs 37-38);
- b) a wireless network interface comprising at least one access module that permits one or more guests to obtain Internet access via wireless transmissions with the access point (par. 39-41);
- c) authentication and authorization logic that identifies if a guest is approved to use the access point, and further identifies a guest's privilege level, and wherein a host configures the authentication and authorization logic to identify usage permitted for each privilege level (see par. 74-83).

Per claims 2-6, Keeler teaches providing different service levels to the guest (see par. 92-93).

Per claims 7-10, Keeler teaches monitoring guests' usages including time, data amount, bandwidth, etc., (see par. 120).

Claims 11-24 are similar in scope as that of claims 1-10.

**Response to Amendment:**

5. Applicant's arguments filed on August 6, 2007 with respect to claims 1-24 are moot in view of new grounds of rejection set forth above.

**Conclusion:**

6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new grounds of rejection. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See M.P.E.P. § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a).

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE TO THIS FINAL ACTION IS SET TO EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS ACTION. IN THE EVENT A FIRST RESPONSE IS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE MAILING DATE OF THIS FINAL ACTION AND THE ADVISORY ACTION IS NOT MAILED UNTIL AFTER THE END OF THE THREE-MONTH SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD, THEN THE SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD WILL EXPIRE ON THE DATE THE ADVISORY ACTION IS MAILED, AND ANY EXTENSION FEE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) WILL BE CALCULATED FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THE ADVISORY ACTION. IN NO EVENT WILL THE STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE EXPIRE LATER THAN SIX MONTHS FROM THE DATE OF THIS FINAL ACTION.

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7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Viet Vu whose telephone number is 571-272-3977. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 7:00am to 4:00pm. The Group general information number is 571-272-2100. The Group fax number is 571-273-8300.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Flynn, can be reached on 571-272-1915.

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